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SUBSTRATE HAVING A COATING DERIVED  
FROM AN AQUEOUS DISPERSION OF  
HYDROPHOBIC POLYMER**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated August 19, 2003 from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application, Applicants hereby amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.